But It's Not My Fault – Reading Guide

Author: Julia Cook Illustrator: Anita DuFalla Themes: taking responsibility

Lesson/Notes: Steps for taking responsibility: 1) Tell the truth. 2) Apologize. 3) Make it better.

Discussion Questions

- At the beginning of the story, was Noodle taking responsibility for his actions or blaming others? (blaming)
- Did blaming others help Noodle? (no)
- How did Noodle take responsibility for his actions? (turned in his assignment, etc. Review steps for taking responsibility.)

Activity: Responsibility Comic

Supplies: construction paper, markers

- Make a "poster" about taking responsibility (see example below).
- Encourage child to draw a short comic strip using the three steps for taking responsibility.



